

Fiscal Estimate - 2011 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 11-3601/1		Introduction Number SB-338	
Description Waiving fees for certain professional and occupational licenses issued to veterans			
Fiscal Effect			
State:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect			
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs			
Local:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs			
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs		3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected			
<input type="checkbox"/> Towns		<input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities	
<input type="checkbox"/> Counties		<input type="checkbox"/> Others	
<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts		<input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
Fund Sources Affected		Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS			
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, many state agencies and boards (licensing agencies) regulate certain professions and occupations by issuing licenses, permits, or other credentials.

This bill will require the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) to establish and maintain a program under which licensing agencies shall verify whether an applicant is eligible for a fee waiver for the issuance of a license. To be eligible for the fee waiver, veterans must meet several criteria including:

- Wisconsin resident before entering "active duty". Was a resident of Wisconsin at the time of entry or reentry into active duty; or, his or her selective service local board, if any, and home of record at the time of entry or reentry into active service as shown on the veteran's report of separation from the U.S. Armed forces for a qualifying period were in Wisconsin, or;
- Moved to Wisconsin. Has been a resident of this state for any consecutive 12-month period after entry or reentry into service and before the date of his/her application
- Have been honorably discharged from the U.S. armed forces
- May not have previously received a fee waiver for any type of license.

Based on current data, it is estimated that there are approximately 407,600+ veterans in Wisconsin. However, data is not readily available to estimate under the provisions of this bill; the number of individuals that would benefit from this bill.

As, the departments role is limited to informing the public and certifying the veterans eligibility of the fee waiver program; there may be a small initial wave of applications, but then a minimal increase that can be absorbed within the agency budget.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications